

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An application-to-application communication interface between an accounting service application and a printer agent application resides on a computer network. The interface is embodied as novel application programming interface (API) functions or calls
5 between the applications that provide accounting support for print services, including tracking the production of print jobs and the resources consumed by those jobs. The accounting support services provided by the novel API communication interface facilitate computing of charges by the accounting application for print services and materials used by print clients.